



# WELCOME

## TO ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

At St. Thomas Church, we strive to be a community where the dignity of every human being is seen and honored. As Christians, we seek to welcome all of God's people, celebrating the fullness of their being that is inclusive of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, education, faith history, age, economic status, sex, gender identity and expression, language, physical and cognitive ability. We seek to be the Body of Christ where all members feel safe, loved and that they belong. Whoever you are, and wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you at St. Thomas!



On February 9, our youth helped prepare dinner for the men of the PorchLight Rotating Shelter.

## February 22, 2026

### First Sunday of Lent

#### WORSHIP

**8 & 10am** | Holy Eucharist,  
followed by Coffee Hour

#### FORMATION

**9am** | Family Breakfast

**9am** | Poetry Series (Library)

**9am** | Youth Group

**9:45am** | Building Blocks of  
Faith and Godly Play

**11am** | On Christianity (Library)

## New to St. Thomas?

New to St. Thomas? Your presence and prayers are a gift to our community. You are fully welcome in this place! If you would like to learn more about St. Thomas, or for us to be in touch with you, please fill out a welcome card in the pew in front of you, and place it in the offering plate before Communion. A member of the clergy will reach out to you.



Hearing assistive devices are available.  
Please ask an usher.



Childcare is available from 9am-1pm in  
the Childcare Room, located on the  
first floor of the Ebsworth Life Center.

SUPPORT ST. THOMAS TODAY!

Scan the QR code or go to [stthomasmedina.org/giving](http://stthomasmedina.org/giving).



# UPCOMING AT ST. THOMAS

## TODAY | First Sunday of Lent

Last Sunday Family Breakfast at 9am

Youth Group at 9am

Praying with the Poetry of Ann Weems at 9am  
in the Library

Building Blocks of Faith & Godly Play at 9:45am

On Christianity with Dr. Phil Ballinger  
after the 10am service in the Library

February 25 | Lenten Bible Study on Matthew, 11am-12pm,  
in the library and on Zoom

## March 1 | Second Sunday of Lent

Youth Confirmation Classes Begin

March 3 | PorchLight Kitchen Cooking Party, 9-11am

March 4 | Lenten Bible Study on Matthew, 11am-12pm,  
in the library and on Zoom

March 7 | Men's Breakfast at 9am

## March 8 | Third Sunday of Lent

March 15 | Evensong at 5pm

March 22 | Fourth Sunday of Lent

Bach's Birthday Bash at 2pm

On Christianity with Dr. Phil Ballinger  
after the 10am service in the Library



A SERIES ON CHRISTIANITY  
WITH DR. PHIL BALLINGER  
after the 10am service in the library

**February 22** The Rise of Christianity

**March 22** The Spoken Word, the  
Written Word, and the Rise of the  
New Testament

**April 19** A User's Guide to the 'bible'  
within the Bible – the Psalms

**May 31** Is Poetic Language the Best  
God Language?'

*Philip Ballinger, Ph.D., S.T.D., is an  
Emeritus Associate Vice Provost at the  
University of Washington.*

# CONFIRMATION CLASSES

**March 1** Who Is God to You?

**March 15** Why Baptism & Confirmation?

**March 29** Prayer, Eucharist & Worship

**April 12** Belief & the Creeds

**April 19** The Episcopal Tradition

**May 3** The Saints

**May 24** As Christians, How Do We Live in the World?

**May 31** Calling, Vocation & Discipleship in the World

YOUTH

**Bishop Phil will visit St. Thomas for  
Confirmations on June 7.**



**April 26** The Anglican Way

**May 3** Reading the Bible

**May 10** Prayer

**May 17** Living Out of Faith (Practice  
and Witness)

ADULTS

**ALL CLASSES  
ARE AT 11:30AM**



# LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays from 11am-Noon in the library  
February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25

Join us as we journey through Matthew's Gospel, listening for how Christ calls us more deeply into relationship with God and one another.



IN-PERSON AND ON ZOOM



# BEING WITH

Our parish theme for 2025-26, "Being With" is inspired by Jesus's life in Nazareth, calling us to show up for one another—in worship, service, and daily life. More than programs or roles, it's about presence, attention, and companionship: Being with God, with each other, and with our neighbors.



## KITCHEN PARTIES

Help is needed to cook for the PorchLight Emergency Men's Shelter:



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We begin cooking at St. Thomas at 9:00 AM and finish by 11:00 AM, then load up and head to the shelter, arriving around 11:30 AM. Lunch for 75 men is served at noon, and we stay to share the meal together. We're usually back in the church parking lot by 1:15-1:30 PM. You're welcome to join us just for cooking or just for serving—but it's especially fun and rewarding to do both.

PLEASE CONTACT LAURIE TO HELP:  
LAURIEANGELO@OUTLOOK.COM.

Have You Turned in Your Pledge?



## FORWARD IN FAITH

If you need help with your pledge, please contact Jean at (425) 454-9541.

# ST. THOMAS SUMMER CAMP WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

## JUNE 22-26, 2026

[WWW.STTHOMASMEDINA.ORG/SUMMER-CAMP](http://WWW.STTHOMASMEDINA.ORG/SUMMER-CAMP)



# LENTEEN SERIES: PRAYING WITH THE POETRY OF ANN WEEMS

Sundays at 9am in the library

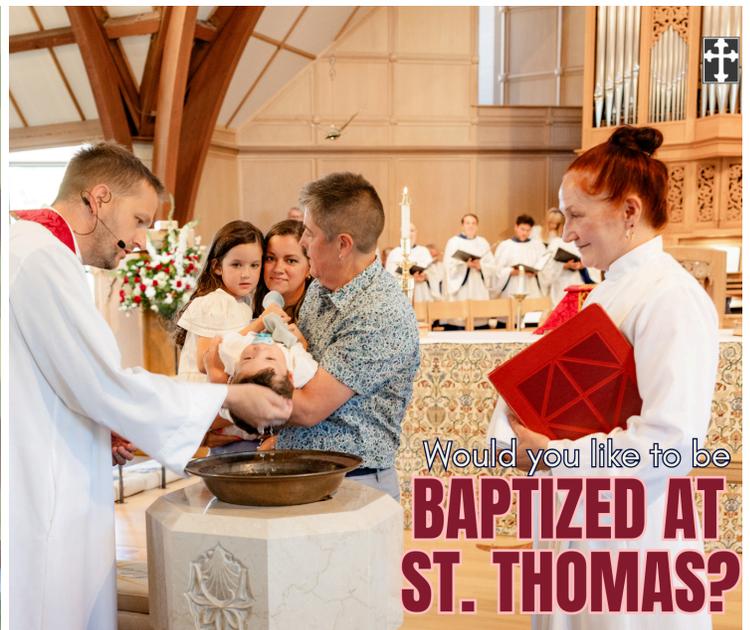
Join us for a four-week Lenten series centered on the poetry of Ann Weems, drawn from her collection *Kneeling in Jerusalem*. Each week we will read one poem together and reflect on it as a form of prayer.

February 22

March 1

March 8

March 15



Would you like to be  
**BAPTIZED AT  
ST. THOMAS?**

The next dates for baptisms are April 4 (Easter Vigil), May 24 (Pentecost), and a summer date to be announced. Speak with Mother Liz to learn more:  
[Liz@StThomasMedina.org](mailto:Liz@StThomasMedina.org).



RECEPTION DESK  
VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!

Our church reception desk is staffed by volunteers & we need your help! Shifts are 9:00-noon & noon-3:00 Monday thru Thursday. It's very easy work & much appreciated by staff. If you can volunteer for a shift now and then, please call Mary Waldmann at (425) 217-9393 or email [rwaldmann1@mac.com](mailto:rwaldmann1@mac.com). Thanks!

RENEWAL  
FOOD BANK  
Your Community Food Bank

## LENTEEN FOOD & HYGIENE DRIVE GIVE WHAT TRULY HELPS.

This Lent, St. Thomas is collecting 1,000 pounds of food and hygiene items to support our neighbors. Please buy **NEW** items only. Items must be within 365 days of the expiration date to be accepted by Feeding America guidelines.

 **BRING DONATIONS TO THE GREAT HALL  
BY MARCH 29**

Got an announcement? Submit it at least one week in advance to  
[communications@StThomasMedina.org](mailto:communications@StThomasMedina.org).  
Be sure to include key details like date, time, and location.

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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**Office Hours**  
**Monday-Thursday**  
**9AM-3PM**

*Call the office to visit  
with a specific staff  
member, as individual  
hours may vary.*

### A NOTE ABOUT WORSHIP

This worship service takes place in an area where photography, audio, and video recording will occur. Attending and participating in the service confirms consent to such recording and to the release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction of all related forms of media.